

Monthly Patch Program

Levels and Specialty Troops

How to Participate: Daisies and Brownies complete 3 of 5 steps, Juniors and Cadettes complete 4 of 5 steps, and Seniors and Ambassadors complete all 5 steps. Step 1 is required for all levels.

1. Girl Scout Knowledge
2. Award and Badge Explorer
3. Try out a Specialty
4. Redesign the Levels
5. Create your own Special Interest Troop

Each month will contain both research and activities which will need to be completed to earn the patch.

Ready to go ALL IN? Order all your monthly patches at once! The All-In order is \$30 and is due **October 15**. Patches will still be mailed out on a monthly basis but this option allows you to order all patches up front at the beginning of the year.

Patch orders are due the 15th of the following month. For example, October's patch registration is due November 15th. Each patch is custom designed and will be mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after the order is due. Individual patches are \$3 each.



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Not guaranteed design.***

*Did you know?
Check out these neat
facts on each page!*

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Register at GetYourGirlPower.org

Girl Scout Knowledge

With permission from a parent or guardian, see if you can find the answers to the following questions either online or in your Girl Scout handbooks.



1. List out the Girl Scout levels in order:

- _____
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2. What is a group of Girl Scouts called who are Americans living abroad?

3. A _____ Troop focuses on deep-dive topics and interests of the girl members of that troop.

4. What level can Girl Scouts begin participating in official specialty troops?

5. Girl Scouts who want to do specialty programming in hiking, camping, stewardship, survivorship, and adventure sports can earn this specific membership pin: _____

6. Retired in 1963, what specialty group explored aviation? _____

7. Girl Scouts who want to do specialty programming on, in, or near water can earn this specific membership pin: _____

8. The first known _____ Troop was registered in 1926 at Fort Leavenworth, KS and focused on competing in equestrian events, performing drills, and marching in parades.

9. During WWII, this program was established in connection with hospital candy stripe programs and Red Cross hospital volunteer programs.

10. Some councils have their own specialty troops. What kinds can you find?

Award and Badge Explorer

Visit the GSUSA webpage and view all the badges each level can earn.

Find one that interests you, it doesn't have to be in your level, and see if you can earn at least two steps of the badge. If you are feeling extra adventurous, see if you can earn the whole badge.

If the badge is way over your level (ex. A Daisy wants to do a Cadette badge), you can always adapt the activities to fit your level.

Each level has badges for all four pillars of Girl Scouting: STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship.

New Badges for 2023/2024!

Art and Design, Craft and Tinker, Create and Innovate (D, B, J)



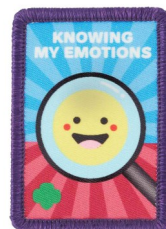
Patch Programs are acceptable as well!

Check out our new Mental Wellness Patch Program for Juniors and up!

Daisy Animal Observer



Juniors: Finding My Voice, Cadettes: Knowing my Emotions, Senior/Ambassador: Showing up for Me & You



Try out a Specialty

The two official GSUSA specialty troops are Trailblazers and Mariners. Find an activity that touches one of these areas of interest and give it a try!

Within the first year, both levels must know and recite both the Girl Scout Promise and Law and also complete the options below.

The "To serve God" line in the Girl Scout Promise is allowed to be changed based on the Girl Scout's individual beliefs.

Trailblazer

Complete the first level of three (3) concentrations including: hiking, camping, stewardship, survivorship, and adventure sports.



Daisies, Brownies, Juniors– Complete a step from one of the badges under the “Outdoor” Pillar. (Daisies: Outdoor Art Maker, Eco Learner, Snow or Climbing Adventure, Trail Adventure, or Buddy Camper. Brownies: Letterboxer, Outdoor Art Creator, Eco Friend, Bugs, Outdoor Adventurer, Hiker, Snow or Climbing Adventure, Trail Adventure, Cabin Camper. Juniors: Geocacher, Outdoor Art Explorer, Eco Camper, Flowers, Horseback Riding, Camper, Snow or Climbing Adventure Trail Adventure, and Eco Camper.)

Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors– Try shelter building, cooking outdoors differently than usual (ex. Solar oven, Dutch oven, etc.), High Adventure challenges, Primitive Camping, or just try something all-around new to you that is done outdoors.

Mariner

Complete option A or B described below

A. Mariners ON or IN water

1. Acquire basic swimming skills by swimming fifty (50) yards using any stroke, and treading water fully clothed for three (3) minutes.
2. Select a watercraft or water sport.

B. Mariners NEAR water

1. Learn basic skills to prevent drowning.
2. Select a focus area, such as marine or aquatic ecology.
3. Study and learn the safety protocol required for the focus area



Redesign the Levels

When Girl Scouts first began, there were only three “levels” and only girls ages 10 to 17 could participate. Now there are six levels and girls ages 5 to 17 can participate.

Ask your leader or an adult if they were in Girl Scouts as a child. If they say yes, how were the levels broken up then.

How is it different from the current level breakdown?

Now, come up with your own idea for how Girl Scouts should be “leveled”. You can even redesign names, uniforms, level colors, and badges. Include a description, and draw your picture in the box below.



Create your own Special Interest Troop

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland has a handful of specialty troops listed on their website, including a STEM RoboTroop, a Living History Troop, and a Cooking troop.

On your own or with the help of your troop, come up with an idea of your own specialty troop. Decide what activities or badges you would do throughout the year to make it a specialty troop and what other extra events you could participate in or even host!



Activities completed or Badges earned:

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Event Ideas to participate in or host:

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